

# MINUTES

## County Council Meeting

February 17, 2014

Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, February 17, 2014, in the County Council Chambers, 366 N. Church Street, Spartanburg, SC, at 5:30 p.m. The following attended: Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman; Honorables Michael Brown, O'Neal Mintz, David Britt, Jane Hall, Dale Culbreth, and Roger Nutt, Council Members; along with Katherine O'Neill, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; Lisa Claxton, County Attorney; John Harris, Senior Deputy County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, Deputy County Attorney.

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties.

### I.

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order.

Invocation was rendered by Chaplain Jerry Clevenger. Sebastian Estes and Jason Sturm, Boy Scout Troop 3, led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II.

- A. Motion made by Mr. Mintz to adopt a Resolution expressing recognition and appreciation for the pride and honor bestowed upon Spartanburg County by the achievements of Lou Parris, The Stroller. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- B. Two House Resolutions were presented by Representative Eddie Tallon, House District 33; Representative Derham Cole, House District 32; Representative Mike Forrester, House District 34; and Representative Rita Allison, House District 36. Sheriff Wright was also present. Representative Tallon stated that he was honored to attend the South Carolina Sheriff's Association Awards Ceremony in January where they honored fourteen men and women across the State with their highest honor, the Medal of Valor. Two of those men were from our own Sheriff's Office. They were Sergeant Barry Pridgeon, who has been with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office since 1984, and Corporal Mark Miller, who has been with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office since 1995. Representative Cole read the House

Resolution to recognize and honor Sergeant Barry Pridgeon for his meritorious and courageous service and to congratulate him upon receiving the South Carolina Sheriff's Association Medal of Valor and the House Resolution to recognize and honor Corporal Mark Miller of the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office for his meritorious and dauntless service and to congratulate him upon receiving the South Carolina Sheriff's Association Medal of Valor.

III.

Ms. O'Neill recognized Chris Jennings, Spartanburg Convention and Visitors, for all of his hard work. The Spartanburg Sales App was awarded "The South's Best Destination Apps and Mobile Sites." Floyd Thompson, Communications 9-1-1; Jessica Gilliland, Mark Cash, and Jonna Pantellis, Information Technologies Department; Gary Williams and Scott Blackwell, Parks and Recreation Department; and Dorothy Earle, Marlene West and Nancy Ward, Records Management, were also recognized.

IV.

- A. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park (**Standard Textile Carolina, Inc.**) in conjunction with Union County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Union County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 §4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Union County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the counties and relevant taxing entities; to provide that job tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said park; and to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation within said park. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.
- B. Chairman Horton declared open a public hearing to determine whether the **Woodruff-Roebuck Water District** shall be authorized to issue its not exceeding \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds. No one appeared, and the matter was closed.

V.

**Economic Recruitment and Development Committee** – (Honorable David Britt, Chairman)

- A. Mr. Clay Andrews, Director, Investor & Public Relations, Upstate SC Alliance, presented information in reference to Upstate SC Alliance's

acceptance into the Brookings Institution Global Cities program. (Presentation included in backup) Mr. Britt thanked on behalf of the full Council the individuals that took the time to send Council emails in the last couple of days expressing their concerns about this group and if this is some type of Agenda 21 type program. Mr. Britt did research on this after receiving the emails. Mr. Britt stated after Mr. Andrews made his presentation about the Brookings Institution Global Cities program, it gave him great comfort, because it tied in with what the document he read from the Brookings Institute stated about the ten traits of globally fluent metropolitan areas. This is not about Council or this County giving up any control about what we are trying to do. Being a part of and working with twelve other metropolitan areas helps us benchmark to see what is working and not working in the opportunity area of exporting. From 1880 until about 1980, Spartanburg County was a textile community. The only international companies here were some foreign companies to supply textile equipment to the textile companies. In the eighties and nineties, we lost 25,000 to 30,000 jobs within ten to fifteen years. We were in serious trouble until BMW announced they were coming here. This changed Spartanburg County and South Carolina. Hundreds of other companies have been recruited. In the last 22 years, over 35,000 jobs have been recruited, and \$13 billion have been invested in Spartanburg County. County Council had control over economic recruitment but did not have the benefit of working with some of the other cities and metropolitan areas across the country to help our existing industry. This initiative is about helping our companies export more products and services to international markets. The United States only makes up 5% of the global market. Mr. Britt stated this program is not about Agenda 21 at all. This is the Upstate Alliance working together with other communities to help us help our companies and citizens get more and better jobs coming to the area.

**Public Health and Human Services Committee** (Honorable Roger Nutt, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

**Personnel and Finance Committee** (Honorable Dale Culbreth, Chairman)

A. Updated financial data and personnel vacancy reports were received.

**Livability Committee** – (Honorable Jane Hall, Chairman)

No items scheduled.

**Public Safety and Judiciary Committee** – (Honorable Michael Brown, Chairman)

- A. Updated information received regarding activities of Building Codes Department.

**Land Use Committee** (Honorable Jeff Horton, Chairman)

- A. Updated Planning Department Reports on Development Activity were received.

**Public Works, Buildings and Grounds Committee** (Honorable O'Neal Mintz, Chairman)

- A. Motion made by Mr. Mintz to render first reading to an Uncodified Ordinance to grant a Utility Easement to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to install three-phase, Overhead Electrical Service on the Wellford Landfill property to service a new Landfill Gas (LFG) Blower System. Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.
- B. Updated information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

VI.

Ms. Laura Thompson spoke during the Public Comment Period regarding Locksmith scams in Spartanburg County. Ms. Judy Allen, Inman, and Ms. Scass Chulick, Inman, spoke in opposition to Citizens United.

VII.

- A. Mr. Mintz recused himself since this item pertains to the scrap metal industry. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render third reading to an Ordinance amending the Unified Land Management Ordinance (ULMO), Ordinance No. O-99-15, as amended, so as to add Section 3.29 to set standards for Scrap Metal Processors to include minimum setbacks from other uses and to better describe site plan requirements; to amend Section 3.19 to remove the exemptions for recycling facilities, scrap metal processors, and landfills so as to eliminate the ambiguity with Section 3.17 Waste Management Facilities; to add a parking standard in Table 6; to update and make corrections to Table 3; to make corrections and to add Scrap Metal Processor to the Review and Approval Table in Article 1; to amend Section 3.17 to provide more appropriate requirements for Recycling Facilities and Recovered Materials Processing Facilities that are indoors; to amend Article 4 to add language for nonconforming Scrap Metal Processors; and to amend Article 6 to add,

delete, and clarify certain associated definitions. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.

- B. Motion made by Mr. Britt to render second reading to an Ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park (**Standard Textile Carolina, Inc.**) in conjunction with Union County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Union County and established pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 §4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Union County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the counties and relevant taxing entities; to provide that job tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said park; and to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation within said park. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown and carried.
- C. Motion made by Ms. Hall to render second reading to an Ordinance authorizing the **Woodruff-Roebuck Water District**, South Carolina to issue not exceeding \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series; providing for the publication of notice of said findings and authorization; and generally approving other matters relating thereto. Motion seconded by Mr. Nutt and carried.

XIII.

No items scheduled.

IX.

All resolutions, ordinances, agreements, petitions and related documents which were read and approved by Council at this meeting for the financing of certain industrial or similar revenue bonds or notes, are incorporated in these minutes by reference as if fully set forth herein. The reference is to all such documents showing execution by the county on the date of this meeting included in the office of the Clerk of Court for Spartanburg County.

X.

- A. The following Budget Amendment Resolutions were provided to County Council. Budget Amendment Number 14180 sets up revenue received in the Forfeited Gambling Fund, State Forfeited Drug Fund and Federal Forfeited Drug Fund for December 2013 and January 2014. Budget Amendment Resolution 14181 sets up projects approved at the CTC meeting January 16, 2014. Budget Amendment Resolution 14182 allows for the closure of completed C-Fund projects. Budget Amendment Resolution 14183

authorizes the acceptance of the SC DSS Child and Adult Care Food Program grant.

Motion made by Mr. Britt to adopt the Budget Amendment Resolutions provided to Council. Motion seconded by Mr. Mintz and carried.

Chairman Horton advised that a possible meeting with the Legislative Delegation Local Government Fund Subcommittee will be held next Thursday, February 27, at 6:00 p.m. County Council and the Legislative Delegation Members will be polled regarding their availability to meet on this date.

XI.

Motion made by Mr. Nutt to approve the minutes of January 27, 2014 (Regular Meeting). Motion seconded by Mr. Britt and carried.

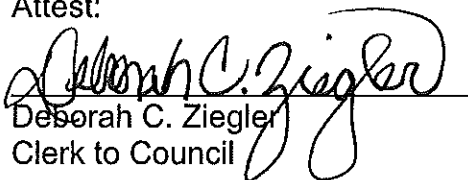
XIII.

Meeting adjourned.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY COUNCIL

By:   
Jeffrey W. Horton, Chairman

Attest:

  
Deborah C. Ziegler  
Clerk to Council